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In re Application of

Victor HIGGS et al.

Application No. 09/254,521 : ON PETITION

Filed: March 8, 1999

Attorney Docket No. 7143

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 19, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed January 5, 2000, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on April 6, 2000.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of an amendment¹; (2) the petition fee of \$750; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the non-final Office action of December 21, 2004 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. If the person signing the instant petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the instant petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

¹ In accordance with 37 CFR 1.4 the reply should be filed as a separate paper; however, a copy of the reply, attached as Exhibit A of the petition, is being treated as the required reply.

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The application file is being referred to Technology Center AU 2877 for appropriate action on the concurrently filed amendment.

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